

# THE ACADEMY ECHO



FREEDOM ACADEMY

FREEDOM, MAINE

1952



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1836-1952

"An Opportunity for an Education and Success"

## COURSES OF STUDY

College—General—Commercial—Agricultural

A School of Highest Standard.

A school that everyone should be proud  
to send their boy or girl to.

EARL W. HIGGINS

PRINCIPAL

Science and Math.

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# DEDICATION



We, the students of Freedom Academy, by dedicating this issue of the "Echo" to Mr. Earl W. Higgins, our beloved principal, teacher, and friend, wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the help, love, and guidance he has given us.



## FACULTY



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Mathematics and Science—Mr. Earl Higgins, Principal  
 Ricker Junior College-1935-1936  
 Colby College-1936-1939-B. A. Degree  
 University of S. California (Summer) 1940  
 University of California at Los Angeles-1943-  
 Meteorology A. A. F.  
 University of Maine Extension-1951  
 1942-1944 Air Force  
 1939-1942 Teacher Coburn Classical Institute  
 1946-1949 Principal, Erskine Academy  
 1949- Principal, Freedom Academy  
 Agriculture—Mr. George Littlefield  
 University of Maine-1950 B. S. Degree  
 Legislature-1940-1941  
 Farmer-1937-1952  
 Teacher Freedom Academy 1951-  
 English, Languages—Mrs. F. H. Johnson, Jr.  
 Western College for Women-1909-1910  
 University of Wisconsin-1911-1914  
 B. A. Degree, 1914  
 University of W. Va. Extension-1928

University of Wisconsin Extension-1932-1935  
 University of Maine (Summer) 1942  
 Teacher-Manitowoc High School, 1914-1918  
 Teacher-S. D. H. S., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 1918-1919  
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 Teacher, Cony H. S., Augusta, Maine-1942-1944  
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 Teacher, Freedom Academy 1941-  
 Commercial—Mr. Donald Lupolt  
 Bliss College, Lewiston, Maine-1947  
 Coast Guard-1942-1945  
 University of Maine (Summer) 1948  
 Teacher-Pembroke H. S.-1948-1949  
 Teacher-Freedom Academy-1951-  
 Social Studies, French, Athletic Coach—Mr. Charles  
 Cosgrove, Jr.  
 Navy-1945-1946  
 University of Maine-1951-B. A. Degree-1951  
 Teacher-Old Town H. S.-1951  
 Teacher-Freedom Academy-1951-



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## EDITORIAL

Within a few weeks scores of High School Seniors will stand upon the threshold of a new era in their lives. They will be graduated from the secondary level of education and be confronted with three turns in the road of opportunity.

One road leads to higher education—college, or a business of your own; one to normal average life; and one to the rut of slums and filth.

The first road is narrow—it's rocky and exceedingly steep. But, up at the top! Oh! Up at the top we catch a glimpse of fertile green fields, with grass waving in the gentle breeze and trees with fruit growing abundantly! Brooks and streams gurgle happily. The sky is blue, not a cloud in sight and the beautiful, rolling, purple hills laugh in the warm sunlight.

From these observations we can sum up the whole procedure. The narrowness of the path indicates that few people ascend it. It is steep, hard to climb; and, if you slip, you may fall and be dashed against the rocky surface. You might not survive. The green pastures and smil-

ing fields above symbolize only one thing—success and the fullness of a rich and happy life. Perhaps it wouldn't be worth the chance. After all, there are those terrible rocks.

Well, perhaps the middle road would entertain a better life. We see it as a straight, paved roadway, offering no steep climb, no rocky terrain. The trees, fruit, grass, and streams are limited; although there are a fair number. The roadway disappears over the horizon. What are those beyond, storm clouds?

From these points we interpret that the running would be smooth. Of course, we understand from the limit of resources and beauty, that it can never hold the richness of life that the furtherance of education can give. But, just think of what would happen if you slipped on that rocky path. Those storm clouds to me are the penalty for success or failure along this road. Of course, there's no hard climb; so, if you worked hard, those clouds would probably blow away and you could continue to live the same sort of life thereafter.



Now the third road. Undoubtedly, this one would be easiest. The road is slippery, leads downhill, curves and disappears behind the barren mountains.

Obviously, this is the easiest. It's easier to travel because it is slippery. You would proceed swiftly until you rounded the curve; after that, who knows? It might be a land of milk and honey, or it might be a desert. You could never climb back that slippery road. Here is your clue. Observe that the road leads DOWNHILL.

There, High School Graduate, are your three opportunities. Will you take the first and, perhaps, win a life of success and happiness? Will you take the second and be satisfied with a normal average life without

the richness and fullness of further education? Or will you merely stride along on the slippery road, never knowing where it leads but always sure you'll get by anyway because it's slippery? Remember, you can't see beyond that curve and it leads downhill! No one will lead you; it's YOUR CHOICE.

Some of us are going to try the first path.

Which will you attempt?

Life is a grindstone that polishes some people and grinds others.

Editor in Chief  
Dick Shibles '52



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# GRADUATES



ERNEST ELDRIDGE AUSTIN

"ERNIE"

Agricultural

Motto: Silence is Golden.

Basketball 2, 4; Letterman 4, J. V. 2. Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Letterboy 1, 2, 3, 4, Future Farmers of America 1, 2. Prize Speaking 3. Class Play Stage Manager 4.



BEATRICE MAE BOWMAN

"BEA"

Commercial

Motto: Look up, not down; look forward, not backward.

Transferred from Winchester High, Mass. 1. Transferred to Crosby High, Belfast 3. Transferred from Crosby High, Belfast 4. Class Play 2, 4. Softball 1, 2, 4; Lettergirl 2, 4. Basketball 2, 3, 4; Lettergirl 4, J. V. 2. Student Council 2, 4. Field Hockey 1. Intra-mural Basketball 3. Junior Prom 3. Glee Club 3. Footlights Club 3. Music Festival 3. Food Sale 3. Fashion Show 3. Senior Ball 3. Class Day and Graduation Ushers 3. First Prize in Magazine Campaign 4. Echo Board 4. Arrow Staff 4.



ELIZABETH LOUISE BOWMAN

"BETTE"

Commercial

Motto: The returns of politeness are great, yet it costs you nothing.

Student Council 1. Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Lettergirl 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 2, 4; Prompter 2. Basketball 2, 3, 4; Lettergirl 2, 3, 4; Graduation Usher 3. Minstrel Show 3. Prize Speaking 3. Tournament Cheerleader 3. Lettergirl 3. Arrow Staff 3, 4. Echo Board 3, 4.





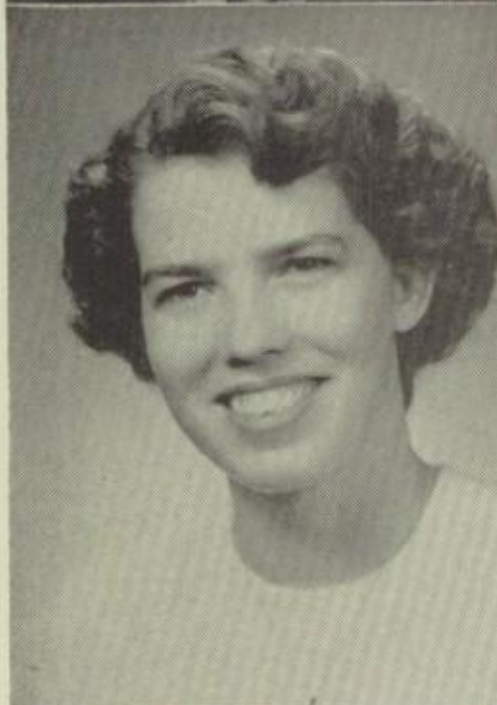
WALTER GORDON CONDON

"WALT"

Agricultural

Motto: If you want something, don't itch for it, scratch for it.

Transferred from Unity 2. Future Farmer 2, 3, 4; Prize Speaking 3. Class Play, Assistant Stage Manager 4.



BERTHA LOUISE DOWNER

"BERT"

Commercial

Motto: He who is not jealous, is not in love.

Class Officer 1, 2, 3, 4. Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Lettergirl 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Lettergirl 1, 2, 3, 4. Co-Captain 4. Usher 2. Class 2, 4. Cheerleader 2: Lettergirl 2. Tournament Cheerleader 3. Prize Speaking 3; Honorable Mention. Echo Board 4. Arrow Staff 4. D. A. R. Candidate 4. Captain Magazine Campaign 4.



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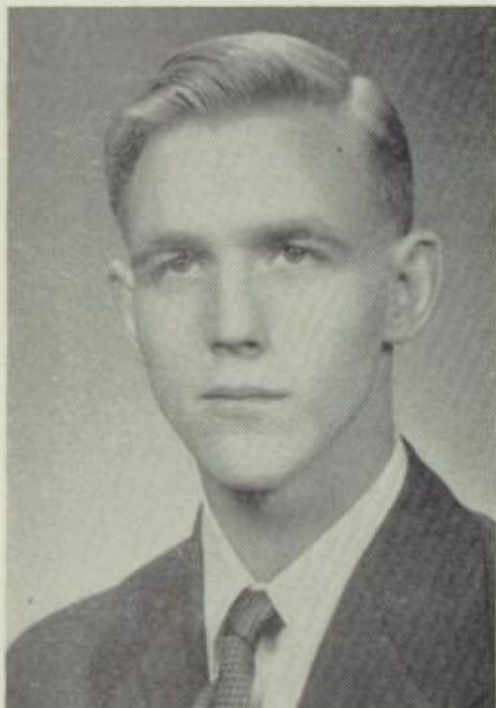
"JIMMY"

Agricultural

Motto: Experience is a dear school.

Minstrel Show. Transferred from Unity 2. Future Farmers 1, 2, 3, 4. Basketball 2, 4; Letterboy 4, J. V. 2. Prize Speaking 3. Arrow Staff 3, 4. Echo Board 3. Baseball Manager 4. Assistant Stage Manager 4.





EARL EDWIN GARDINER

"CHUMMIE"

General

Motto: When you knock at the door of success you will find it labeled "Push".

Class Play 2, 4. Basketball 2, 3, 4; Letterman 4, J. V. 2, 3. Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Letterman 1, 2, 3, 4. Student Council 4. President 4. Prize Speaking 3. Class Officer 3, 4. Senior Usher 3. Arrow Staff 1, 4. Echo Board 1, 4. General Manager Magazine Campaign 4.



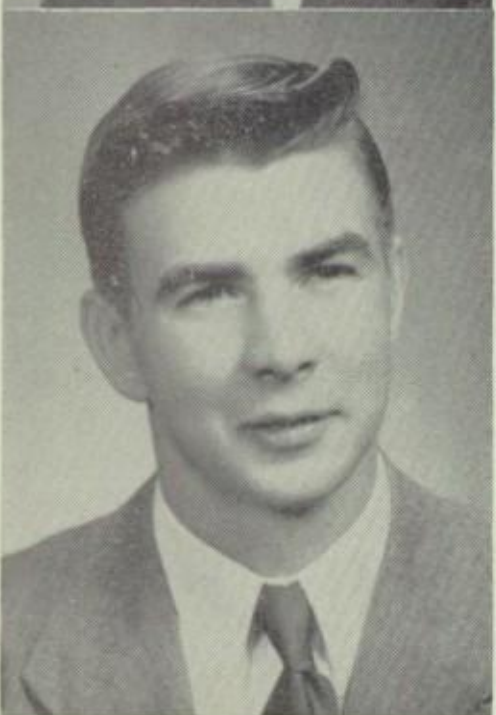
PEARL EDNA GARDINER

"PEARL"

Commercial

Motto: No road is long with good company.

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Lettergirl 1, 2, 3, 4; All Star 4. Echo Board 1, 4. Cheerleader 2; Lettergirl 2. Tournament Cheerleader 3. Class Officer 3. Prize Speaking 3. Class Play 2, 4. Arrow Staff 4.



ALLEN THOMAS KNIGHTS

"KNIGHTS"

Agricultural

Motto: Actions speak louder than words.

Transferred from Albion 2. Basketball 3, 4; Letterman 3, 4. Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Letterman 1, 2, 3, 4. Future Farmers of America 3, 4. Prize Speaking 3. Echo Board 3. Arrow Staff 4. Class Play, Property Chairman 4.





ALFREDA ALICE RAVEN

"FREDA"

Commercial

Motto: The sweetness of low price never equals the bitterness of low quality.

Basketball 2, 3, 4; Lettergirl 2, 3, 4; All Star 4; Co-Captain 4. Usher 3. Prize Speaking 3. Softball 4, Lettergirl 4. Arrow Staff 4. Echo Board 4.



RICHARD MARWOOD SHIBLES

"DICK"

College

Motto: Nothing is impossible.

Class Officer 1, 3, 4. Basketball 1, 2, 3; Letterman 1, J. V. 2, 3. Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Letterman 1, 2, 3, 4. Future Farmer 1, 2. Minstrel Show 3. National Latin Honor Society 3. Prize Speaking 3, First Prize, Second Prize in County Contest. Class Play 2, 4. Student Council 2, 3; President 3. Echo Board 2, 3, 4; Business Manager 3; Editor in Chief 4. Arrow Staff 4; Editor in Chief 4.



PHILIP REED STEELE

"PIP"

Commercial

Motto: A thousand mile journey begins with one step.

Glee Club 1. Monitor Staff 1. Minstrel Show 1. Transferred from Unity 2. Prize Speaking 3; Honorable Mention. Arrow Staff 2, 3, 4. Manager School Store 2, 3, 4. Senior Play 4; Sophomore Play 2. Echo Board 2, 3.



## BACCALAUREATE

June 1, 1952

Freedom Congregational Church

## GRADUATION

June 5, 1952

Freedom Academy Gymnasium

Graduation Theme

One world

Class Motto

Onward To Success

Class Colors

Blue and Silver

Class Flower

Carnations

## GRADUATION PARTS

Richard Shibbes

Valedictory

Bertha Downer

Salutatory

Earl Gardiner

1st Honor Essay

Bette Bowman

2nd Honor Essay

Pearl Gardiner

3rd Honor Essay

Walter Condon

History

James Fernald

Address to the undergraduates

Philip Steele and Beatrice Bowman

Prophecy

Allen Knights

Will

Ernest Austin, Alfreda Raven

Gifts



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### **"THE WORTH OF AN EDUCATION"**

In my own opinion the benefits of an education are unmeasurable.

The person who gets an education must really work and use his learning in order to get even fair returns. He must always be on the alert, waiting for opportunity's knock. He must always be ready to receive and consider new ideas; and always be working to master and grow in stability, in the social and business world.

A good education is the basis of one's future. Today as never before, it is the one thing that is of prime importance in obtaining almost any desirable position.

Frequently many rural people will say "Aw, what's the use of an eja-cashun anyhow? 'Taint no use t'a feller just livin' on a old farm!"

The person who says this doesn't know very much about the modern world. In fact, he's a "has-been"--he's living back in the eighteenth century somewhere. He will also loudly affirm that education is only for the upper-classes, such as: big firm owners and factory employers. This person usually lives in a world by himself and does not want anything to do with the outside world. He is not broad-minded enough to realize that, with each day, progress is being made; and that the standard of living is continually rising and changing.

Each person of the United States should know by this time, that an education is a vital necessity in all present day walks of life and professional work. Everyone should help to build his own, as well as other peoples', resources of learning.

Education is something which we all can get, and which no one can take away from us.

Janet Cole '53

### **LOVE IS THE VICTOR**

All fall I studied hard and tried to get high rank in school. You see, only those receiving high ranks could be admitted to enter the "Miss Riverdale" contest. You must understand, it wasn't the honor of winning that drove me so hard; it was the money reward that went with it. My brother was a cripple; and without that money, I could not hope to pay for the operation that he so badly needed. Dad had not done well on his crops that year; so he could not supply the full amount needed.

Tommy was only four. If he had the operation he could start school the following year. There were nine of us children; and with a family this size, money isn't so plentiful. And last night as I sat by the fire watching Tommy cut out pictures from an old catalog, tears came to my eyes. I knew more than ever that I had to win. The other children all needed clothes; but, at least, they could go to school and prepare for their future.



The day arrived all too soon when the names were called for those who could enter the contest. I sat tense as I waited for the professor to come in. As my name was called, I watched and could even feel the expressions that went over all the faces. They hadn't believed that I could possibly win. I could hear the short "Oh!" from Sally Smith, the most snobbish girl in the class.

I was happy as I left the building that night; but, suddenly, I remembered I had gone only the first step so far. Then the next thought struck me hard--I'd have to have a new evening gown! How impossible this seemed! I knew that Dad could never afford to buy me one and all I had was \$12. Not nearly enough!

My steps slowed as I neared home. Every step of the long way, I had tried my best to figure out a way to get the dress. And all the way there seemed none.

The first things that met my eyes as I opened the door were the faces of those I loved. They had believed in me! In answer to their eager questions I told them that I had won; but there was no hope of my accepting because I had nothing to wear.

That night I had to sit up rather late and study, although my mind was not upon my work. I noticed that Mother sat up, too, and sort of urged the children to bed sooner than usual. Finally the last one was tucked in and Dad also went to bed. She came to the table and, looking at me, said, "Listen, dear, my wed-

ding dress has not been soiled a bit! If we could get someone to make it over to fit you....."

"Oh no, Mother, that is your most-prized possession! We could never touch that."

"But, listen, my dear, I love my children much more than I love any dress."

And with that, she left the room. Returning, she carried in her arms a medium-sized blue box. Opening it carefully, with loving hands she took out the pale pink, satin wedding gown which I had so many times longed to try on.

We sat up late that night. We had to work hard, for it was already Thursday and the contest was Saturday. The gown fit me as perfectly as it had mother. We took the tucks out of the waist of the gown and gathered it, making a full skirt. A wide sash tied around the waist with a bow in back. It had puff sleeves and a small open collar with three white roses on the side. In my hair, which I had let fall loosely in curls about my shoulders, I planned to wear a white rose. Somehow I felt that the rose symbolized Tommy.

The night of the contest I was trembling as I neared the front of the audience. But truthfully, there was not a more beautiful gown present! My heart beat swiftly as I noticed the approving nods from the crowd. Mom had come to the contest, but Dad had stayed with the children.

It seemed days before the judge finally returned and the names of the



winners were announced. Suddenly it came--the shock that nearly caused me to faint! I had won! I had sort of figured if I did win, it could be no higher than 3rd prize. And now, best of all, I seemed to be one of the gang; for the kids all crowded around and loudly and lovingly congratulated me.

I stepped forward happily and accepted the \$100. Soon after we left to go home; but first, Mother and I went downtown to get some candy, popcorn, and a few little things for the children to play with out of my \$12. As mother and I walked home hand in hand, we both noticed how much more the North Star seemed to twinkle—as if it too was smiling for Tommy.

Nancy McKenney '54

### MISSING IN ACTION

A little old lady sat contentedly rocking in her small chair, knitting, and looking out the window periodically, as though expecting someone.

The mailman appeared and she jumped out of her chair with a leap, belying her age.

She was expecting a letter from "her Baby" who, though twenty-one years of age, was still a child to her; and was now far away fighting on the battle front in Korea.

The mailman was slowly walking up the path as though a depressing thought was weighing down his mind.

The old lady, not noticing this,

yelled a cheery good afternoon. Not looking up he said, "Afternoon, Mam," and hesitatingly handed her a letter. She looked carefully at the postmark and saw it was from Washington. Though not from her son, she opened it immediately.

Suddenly she saw the words "Missing In Action," leap up--then blur. She gasped, swayed; and the letter, released by her nerveless fingers, fluttered away in the breeze.

As she sank to the floor, the last words she gasped were "My Baby! Missing In Action!"

Carolyn Cates '55

### THE NIGGLING NURSE

In the fall of "48", I went to Mexico to go to Nursing School. The name of the school was "The Nocturnal Nursing School for Noddy Nuts." There were seventy-five enrolled in my class.

At the beginning of the first semester, I was considered the "head" of my class; but by the end of the year I was considered the "heel" of it. My teacher's name was (and would you believe it!) "Mrs. Mattie Mopp," whom we nicknamed, "Ringlets." And WAS she a tartar!!

Finally I graduated from "The Nocturnal Nursing School for Noddy Nuts." On my diploma was printed in bold type "ON CONDITION."

Soon after finishing I received a job as the Public Health Nurse in Ningpo, China. I was assigned to twelve schools in the district of Jih-



pen. There my first assignment was a visitation to a distant school in said district. Here a rash had broken out among the children which no one was able to control, so "I" looked into the matter. I at once diagnosed it, the "itch"; but later discovered it was the measles. So I was discharged. At once the authorities urged me to seek a new job, but not until the whole town was quarantined.

I left that town; then I found another Nursing job. But strangely, I soon was discharged from that. I never could understand why, but I guess it was on account of my good looks.

You see, I was five foot one, I only weighed 162, had coal black hair, which I had cut in the latest fashion—a boyish bob with bangs. This was in the days of short skirts, and I really did justice to all the latest fashions. I wore glasses to help straighten my cross eyes. You see, I knew I was quite a beauty even without considering the added attraction of my Roman nose.

Well, now my nursing career is almost at an end; except for this my last case. I am now nursing a sick dog. I must look at him at once.

Oh, well, the dog is dead so I guess my career is at an end.

Delta Fowler '55

### TRUTH'S GREAT REWARD

In the slums of a large city there lived a young girl. Her most impor-

tant job was taking care of her younger brothers and sisters. She had been left in care of them since she was 12. Her mother and father had been killed on their way to a big party. Since then Mary knew her job would be to do her best for the ones she so dearly loved.

There were four sisters and two brothers. Bob, the oldest brother who was 15,, tried his best to support them.

The smaller brothers and sisters all looked to Mary for faith and comfort to live on. She taught them as well as possible the things which would help them most in their life. They could not go to school because of their poor clothes.

One night when Mary was very tired and forlorn from her long day of work, she decided to take a walk. She left her brother, Bob, in charge of the children.

While she was walking she saw something lying in the street. She picked it up quickly and found it was a brown wallet! She opened it and there before her eyes were "Oh so many bills!" She had never seen so many in her life before! Her fingers smoothed the bills as she stared at the money. She turned and went quickly home.

When her brother Bob discovered what she had found, they wondered what they should do with it. They sat up long that night and discussed the matter. Poor Bob was so discouraged that he said, "Why not keep it? No one needs it worse than we!"



Of course, Mary had no intention of keeping it. The very next morning Mary took the money to the policeman, who to her, always seemed to stand on the corner. He was the first person she thought of to whom to give the money. He took it and promised to find the rightful owner.

As Mary returned to her home, tears blinded her eyes as she watched the bright-eyed Tony who needed shoes so badly; and little Linda who needed new clothes. Why couldn't they have been rich children! She quickly brushed away her tears before the children saw her crying. This they seldom did.

She fondly washed and kissed each one playfully as she sat them down to a breakfast of leftover potatoes and crackers. Even with so little, they ate like little bears upon finding a tree of honey.

About 3 o'clock that afternoon she heard someone knock at the door. She quickly opened it and there stood an elderly lady, very nicely dressed.

"Are you Mary Saunders?" she asked pleasantly.

"Yes" Mary said shyly for she was not used to strangers. "Won't you come in?"

The lady came in and sat down. She did not appear nosey or anything as Mary had expected her to.

"Are you the young lady who found this wallet?" she asked as she took the familiar brown wallet from her pocket.

"Yes," answered Mary, with a satisfied look on her face.

They sat and talked over the incident; and finally the lady asked Mary if she had folks. After hearing the story she told Mary that she would like to have her come to live with her.

Just then in came the children from their play.

"But you see, I have to take care of my brothers and sisters, and surely I could not leave them."

"Oh, I see" and with a final smile the lady left.

After Mary had told the children about the lady's visit, nearly all of them soon forgot it; although in Mary's heart, she kept a place for this motherly person.

A week later a car stopped and again Mrs. Blanchard appeared. She told Mary that she had come for her and her brothers and sisters. After Mary's consent to leave, together they collected the children's most prized possessions.

Mary soon learned that Mrs. Blanchard's husband had died two years before and that she lived alone in a large gray house.

She had always been lonely for children whom she loved so much. So, after thinking it over very carefully, she had decided to take these motherless children.

Each one slept the best that night that they ever had; but Mary, before going to bed, thanked God for His kindness, kissed her new mother, and vowed always to be truthful.

Nancy McKenney.'54



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### A MODERN WINTER IDYL

It is hard to picture and as pretty as can be,  
I will try to show you for you to see,  
Down by the river, by the Half-moon stream,  
I will put into pattern this little theme,  
By the oldest ruins in this town of an old saw mill,  
For the bygone people who worked and showed their skill.

It is a pretty place right here-where,  
In the coldest time-the trout appear. I swear  
The biggest, the longest, the prettiest fish are caught.  
Here in the early month of April I caught,  
My first trout here where I was taught.  
Down half a mile is a small falls that reaches clear across,  
A place where rocks are covered with moss,  
Where the biggest trout toss.  
Yes, right here is the place I am talking about,  
Where you try to catch the biggest of trout.

I wonder how long this place has been here?  
Do you suppose it has changed from last year?  
And up there where the bridge is now,  
Can you tell me how  
They selected that place?  
And for so many years it has kept its grace?

The sun is getting bright;  
On the crust of shining, gleaming white  
The trees are seen as through a magic glass!  
The wonder of this all, nothing can surpass!  
Every descriptive branch has dripping, glittering icicles,  
Like a dream-  
Down by the place they call the stream.

The running liquid, singing from the rapids in a steady flow,  
You can't catch me, you can't catch me? I know.  
I am trying to explain for you to see,  
So you will joy in it like me.  
Pattern of mouse feet stitches in the snow,  
Make the sides of the stream all glow.

After the 21st of March this beauty will be gone—  
And new things then will be born.  
Why has nature been so rude?  
Or am I a little bit rude?  
It looks as if everything's on fire, near this little stream,  
I have to pinch myself, thinking it is a dream,



Gray rocks sticking out of the banks of ground,  
 And crispy snow sparkling all around,  
 It is even more exquisite with the blue space in the sky,  
 What makes it so lovely? It could be—  
 If only I could make a blind person see,  
 It would be even more wonderful to me!

How long this stream! I do not know;  
 And try to reach it I will not go,  
 To me, beauty goes farther than a rainbow.  
 As I walked home that winter day.  
 The sun was warm and sparkling gay,  
 As if to say, come again another day.

June Larrabee '53

### FRESHMEN

Seniors say Freshmen are green.  
 But little do they know it,  
 That we know more than they all do  
 But WE don't try to show it!

Carolyn Cates '55

### THREE GOOD SPORTS

One time there were three brothers  
 Of whom I've often heard.  
 The only names they ever had  
 Were "First," "Second," and  
 "Third".

Now all these brothers were sportsmen;  
 But the sport that pleased them all  
 Was the game that pleases most people,  
 That great old game "Baseball".

In every game the school team played  
 They all were in there pitching,  
 Just waiting for a chance to bat,  
 With all their fingers itching!

Now Mr. First hit that old ball  
 And only got to second;  
 He'd planned to hit a "homer"--  
 At least, that's what he reckoned!

When Mr. Second, hit the ball,  
 That crowd you should have heard!  
 For this put "Sec." on second.  
 And First way down on third.

When Third hit squarely at the ball,  
 He shook his fist and cursed!  
 Because of that blamed "Second"  
 He'd only got to first!

Now First, of course, was back at home.  
 He took the bat again;  
 But now I guess that I will quit  
 For here's where I began.

Earl Gardiner '52

### FREEDOM

F. is for Freedom  
 The top team of the year!  
 R. is for Rah! Rah!  
 The fans, how they cheer!  
 E. is for Excellent  
 The job the team has done.  
 E. is for Entry  
 To the Eastern State Tourney they won.  
 D. is for Dick (Yeaton)  
 The manager of them all.  
 O. is Our Coach - Mr. Cosgrove--  
 Who does a wonderful job with  
 basketball.  
 M. is for Don Marcia  
 The captain of the team.  
 To repay the boys and coach  
 The League Trophy, how it gleams!  
 Charlene Smith '54

I STUDY, YOU STUDY, WE STUDY,  
 EVERYBODY STUDIES.  
 I COPY, YOU COPY, WE COPY,  
 EVERYBODY FLUNKS



### WHY I SWEAR

I swear because  
 It is a mark of manliness,  
 It proves I have self-control,  
 It indicates how clearly my mind operates.  
 It makes my conversation pleasing to  
     everybody.  
 It leaves no doubt in anyone's mind as  
 To my breeding, culture, and refinement.

It indicates that I have been well educated.  
 It enhances my personality among  
 Women and children, and in respectable  
 Society.  
 It is my way of honoring God, who said,  
 "Thou shalt not take the name of the  
 Lord thy God in vain."  
 AND it is a STRONG WAY to express  
 A WEAK MIND.

Kenneth Hall 53

### STATISTICS

Most Popular  
 Most Artistic  
 Most Freckles  
 Most Easy Going

Most Talkative  
 Most Likely to Succeed  
 Most Friendly  
 Most Polite  
 Best Sport  
 Best Singer  
 Best Figure  
 Best Dancer  
 Best Athlete  
 Best Dressed  
 Best Personality

Best Legs  
 Prettiest Eyes  
 Prettiest Complexion  
 Prettiest Smile  
 Prettiest Hair  
 Flirt  
 Noisest  
 Smartest  
 Quietest  
 Shyest  
 Jolliest  
 Best Looking

### GIRLS

Pearl Gardiner  
 Mary Lou Heald  
 Bertha Downer  
 Janette Cole  
 Charlene Smith  
 Mary Lynn Nelson  
 Bertha Downer  
 Bertha Downer  
 Charlene Smith  
 Pearl Gardiner  
 Carolyn Cates  
 Pearl Gardiner  
 Mura Shibbles  
 Bette Bowman  
 Bea Bowman  
 Pearl Gardiner  
 Bea Bowman  
 Bea Bowman  
 Betty Lou Thompson  
 Bea Bowman  
 Bea Bowman  
 Florence Cates  
 Roberta Hussey  
 Carolyn Cates  
 Janette Cole  
 June Larrabee  
 Edith Condon  
 Mildred Parady  
 Maxine Downer

### BOYS

Don Marcia  
 Jimmy Elliot  
 Bobby Sylvester  
 Bob Goodale  
 Bernie Wentworth  
 Dick Shibbles  
 Billy Gray  
 Billy Gray  
 Don Marcia  
 Jimmy & David Elliot  
 Don Marcia  
 Allen Knights  
 Allen Knights  
 Dick Shibbles  
 Billy Gray  
 Bob Hotham  
 Buddy Giggey  
 Billy Gray  
 Steve Fowler  
 Nelson Sanborn  
 Bernie Wentworth  
 Bernie Wentworth  
 Dick Shibbles  
 Walter Condon  
 Alfred Bridges  
 Bob Goodale  
 Don Marcia



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**F. A. JUKE BOX**

I Love You Truly  
 Let Me Call You Sweetheart  
 Jealous Heart  
 Slipping Around  
 I'll Sail My Ship Alone  
 No Letter Today  
 You Are My Sunshine  
 Hail, Hail, The Gang's All Here  
 Love in Bloom  
 Tell Me  
 Three O'Clock in the Morning  
 I'm in Love Again  
 Sentimental Journey  
 Beautiful, Beautiful Brown Eyes  
 It's All Over But the Memories  
 Auld Lang Syne  
 The Precious Jewel  
 He's a Jolly Good Fellow  
 I'll be Walking with My Honey  
 Sunrise Serenade  
 Whispering Hope  
 Sweethearts  
 Sooner or Later He's Gonna be  
     Hanging Around  
 Are You Lonesome Tonight?  
 Cold, Cold Heart  
 Indian Love Call  
 How You Gonna Keep Them  
     Down On The Farm  
 Can't Help Loving That Guy  
 Anybody Seen My Gal?  
 Tonight's My Night To Howl  
 I'm in the Mood for Love

Pearl Gardiner  
 Paul McFarland  
 Allen Knight  
 Bernard Wentworth  
 Billy Gray  
 Beatrice Bowman  
 Jerald Elkins  
 Basketball Squads  
 Charlene Smith  
 Robert Briggs  
 Donald Maxim  
 Bertha Downer  
 Basketball Trips  
 Maxine Downer  
 Senior Class  
 Alumni Game  
 Boy's Trophy  
 Charlie Cosgrove  
 Marlene Hall  
 Dick Shibbles  
 Charlene Bryant  
 Stanley McDonald

Nancy McKenney  
 Corrin Clark  
 Mary Lynn Nelson  
 James Elliot

Mr. Littlefield  
 Delta Fowler  
 Stephen Fowler  
 Clayton Giggey  
 June Larrabee

Bette Bowman '52



**WHAT WE HAVE IN OUR  
SCHOOL**

Raven but no blue bird  
Knight but no queen  
Cook but no Chef  
Baker but no Butcher  
Rober(t) but no thief  
Bea(trice) but no hornet  
June but no August  
(Yea)ton but no Ounce  
Pearl but no beads  
Down(er) but no up  
Austin but no Chevrolet  
Fern(ald) but no flower  
(Hot)ham but no shoulder  
Bow(man) but no arrow  
Black but no White  
(Darr)old but no young  
Cat(es) but no dog  
Jack but no Jill  
Hall but no room

Abbott but no Costello  
Gray but no blue  
(Emer)son but no daughter  
(Over)lock but no key  
Clark but no Hershey  
Rich(ard) but no poor  
Bridges but no underpass  
Chase and Sanborn but no coffee  
(Mil)ford but no Pontiac  
Ash but no birch  
(Bry)ant but no spider  
(McFar)land but no acre  
Over(lock) but no under  
(Elin) ore but no mine  
(Step)hen but no rooster  
Steel(e) but no iron  
(Er)nest but no trap

Dorothy Baker '55



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## SENIOR CLASS

We started school this year with twelve members. Our class officers were elected as follows:

Class President:	Richard Shibles
Vice President:	Earl Gardiner
Secretary and Treasurer:	Bertha Downer
Student Council:	Earl Gardiner
	Beatrice Bowman
Editorial Board:	Richard Shibles
	Earl Gardiner
	Pearl Gardiner
	Bette Bowman
	Ernest Austin
	Beatrice Bowman
	Bertha Downer
	Alfreda Raven

Those taking part in sports were as follows:

Girls' basketball: Pearl Gardiner, Bette Bowman, Beatrice Bowman.

Co-Captains: Bertha Downer, and Alfreda Raven.

Boys' Basketball: James Fernald, Allen Knights, Earl Gardiner, and Ernest Austin.

Softball: Beatrice Bowman, Bette Bowman, Bertha Downer, and Alfreda Raven.

Baseball: Ernest Austin, Allen Knights, Earl Gardiner, James Fernald and Richard Shibles.

Other class activities were the

Senior drama "Aaron Slick From Punkin Crick," directed by Mrs. Johnson, and presented on April 10.

We have put on two dinners this year and they both proved to be very very successful.

Bertha Downer was chosen as the D. A. R. candidate sponsored by Governor James Bowdoin Chapter of Lisbon Falls.

We feel that we have had a very happy and successful time here and we hope that the under-graduates may do even better.

Alfreda Raven '52



## JUNIOR CLASS



- 1st. row, left to right, Richard Yeaton, Maxine Downer, Florence Cates, Donald Maxim, Robert Gray, Robert Goodale, Grace Black, Mary Ingraham, Dennis Myrick.
- 2nd. row, left to right, Mrs. Johnson, Mildred Parady, Marlene Hall, June Bowman, Paul Myrick, Janette Cole, Jerome Stevens, Louise Emerson, Phil Myrick, Lucille Shaw, Nancy Abbott, Mura Shibbles, June Larrabee.
- 3rd. row, left to right, Stephen Fowler, Clayton Giggey, Melvin McDonald, Carl Perkins, Donald Marcia, Kenneth Hall, Darrold Mitchell, Vaughn Clark, Kenton Mitchell, Alfred Bridges, Bernard Wentworth.

## JUNIOR CLASS

**President:**

Robert Gray

**Vice-President:**

Donald Maxim

**Secretary:**

Robert Goodale

**Treasurer:**

Grace Black

**Student Council:**

Maxine Downer - Clayton Giggey

This year the Junior Class started with 38 members. We have lost 3 members this year. We also had a new member join our class in February, Mary Lynn Nelson.

Many of the students in our class will take part in the Junior Prize Speaking Contest on May 9th.

Our class has been active in ath-

letics with many participating on the various teams.

Those on the softball team were: Louise Emerson, Maxine Downer, June Bowman, June Larrabee, Janette Cole, Florence Cates, and Grace Black.

Those on the baseball team were: Donald Maxim, Donald Marcia, Ber-



nard Wentworth, Robert Gray, Kenton Mitchell, Clayton Giggey, and Robert Goodale.

Those on the girls' Varsity basketball team were: Maxine Downer, June Bowman, Louise Emerson, and June Larrabee.

Those on the boys' Varsity basketball team were: Donald Maxim,

Donald Marcia, Paul McFarland, Clayton Giggey, Bernard Wentworth, Kenneth Hall, and Robert Gray.

We had a very successful year and hope we have a more successful one next year.

Robert Gray '53

### SOPHOMORE CLASS



1st. row, left to right, Patricia Myrick, Helen Chamberlain, Virginia Austin, Audrey Grass, Charlene Smith, Charlene Bryant, Mary Turner.

2nd. row, left to right, Mr. Littlefield, Milford Downer, Silvia Ashe, Nancy McKenney, Mary Lou Heald, Betty Lou Thompson, Lorene Clark, James Elliott, William Black.

3rd. row, left to right, Richard Chase, Richard Peppard, Edward Howe, Robert Briggs, Stanley McDonald, Merle Raven, Gerald Elkins.

### SOPHOMORE CLASS

President  
Vice-President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

Audrey Grass  
Virginia Austin  
Charlene Smith  
Charlene Bryant



## Student Council

## Editorial Board

Nancy McKenney

Milford Downer

Audrey Grass

Charlene Smith

Mary Lou Heald

Charlene Bryant

We started school with twenty-six members in our class, but lost three during the first few months.

Girls that went out for softball were as follows: Sylvia Ashe, Lorene Clark, Audrey Grass, Nancy McKenney, Mary Lou Heald, Patricia Myrick, Elinore Stanley, Betty Lou

Thompson, and Mary Turner. Mary Lou Heald made the girls' basketball team. James Elliot and Richard Chase went out for baseball.

We had a very enjoyable and successful year and hope the other classes had the same.

Charlene Bryant '54

## FRESHMAN CLASS



1st. row, left to right, Victor Myrick, Edith Condon, Donna Daggett, Corrin Clark, Roger Drew, Daniel Hall, Delta Fowler, Viola Overlock, Leon Riley.

2nd. row, left to right, Robert Raven, Mae Peppard, Harold Emerson, Claude Thomas, Roberta Hussey, Gladys Brown, Carolyn Cates, Hurley Larrabee, Everett Sanborn, Dorothy Baker, Robert Sylvester.

3rd. row, left to right, Mr. Crosgrove, Roger Reynolds, Herbert Bryant, Milton Hayes, Clive McDonald, Jack Gerry, Robert Hotham, Clair McDonald, David Elliott, Albert Parady, Melvin Raven.



### FRESHMAN CLASS

We elected our class officers as follows:

President:	Roger Drew
Vice-President:	Corrin Clark
Secretary:	Daniel Hall
Treasurer:	Delta Fowler
Student Council:	Corrin Clark and Roger Drew
Editorial Board:	Roger Drew

Our class started last fall with 36 pupils; but we lost Thomas Goodale, Viola Hanson, and Harland Mosher before mid-year. Later we gained Bertha Norris and Jack Gerry.

The girls who went out for softball were the following: Carolyn Cates, Mae Peppard, Roberta Hussey, Edith Condon, Carleine Shibles, Dorothy Baker, and Gladys Brown.

Those who went out for basketball were: Carolyn Cates, Viola Overlock, Dorothy Baker, and Gladys Brown.

The boys participating in baseball

were: Clair and Clive McDonald, Hurley Larrabee, Robert Hotham, and Roger Drew.

Those who went out for basketball were: David Elliot, Clair and Clive McDonald, Hurley Larrabee, Roger Drew, Corrin Clark, Robert and Melvin Raven, Roger Reynolds, Harold Emerson, and Robert Hotham.

We freshmen have had a very successful year and are proud to be a part of Freedom Academy.

Roger Drew '55





*Under the Stars*





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## GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM



1st. row, left to right, Maxine Downer, Bertha Downer, Alfreda Raven, Mr. Cosgrove, June Bowman, Bette Bowman, Pearl Gardiner.  
 2nd. row, left to right, June Larrabee, Louise Emerson, Mary Lou Heald, Gladys Brown, Carolyn Cates, Beatrice Bowman.

## BASKETBALL

The Freedom Academy girls basketball team had a very successful season this year, with 14 wins and three losses and one tie.

Even though we didn't win the Championship we were well up in the League. We finished the season tied with Brooks for second place.

Those who went out for basketball were as follows:

Co-captains: Alfreda Raven, Ber-

tha Downer; Captain-elect; June Bowman. Others were Pearl Gardiner, Maxine Downer, Betty Bowman, June Larrabee, Bea Bowman, Louise Emerson, Mary Lou Heald, Carolyn Cates and Gladys Brown.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our new Coach, Mr. Charles Cosgrove, Jr., for the outstanding job which he has done during the season. We are sorry we have to lose five of our number, but we wish the best of luck to the remain-



ing girls in basketball next year.

Our Letter Girls are:

Forwards	Points	Guards	
Pearl Gardiner	310	Bertha Downer	49
Maxine Downer	218	Alfreda Raven	7
Betty Bowman	101	Beatrice Bowman	1
June Larrabee	33	June Bowman	0
Louise Emerson	9	Carolyn Cates	0
Mary Lou Heald	10	Gladys Brown	0
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F. A.	30	Erskine	30
F. A.	35	Winterport*	47
F. A.	40	Unity*	17
F. A.	44	Stockton	18
F. A.	33	Brooks	28
F. A.	52	Monroe	16
F. A.	61	Besse	39
F. A.	42	Searsport*	35
F. A.	42	Liberty*	25
F. A.	39	Winterport	44
F. A.	34	Unity	14
F. A.	45	Stockton*	22
F. A.	22	Brooks*	38
F. A.	46	Monroe*	33
F. A.	46	Besse*	44
F. A.	44	Searsport	25
F. A.	44	Erskine*	29
F. A.	39	Liberty	23
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\*Denotes Games away from home

Pearl Gardiner '52  
Betty Bowman '52



## SOFTBALL TEAM



1st. row, left to right, Betty Bowman, Grace Black, Maxine Downer, June Bowman, June Larrabee.

2nd. row, left to right, Audrey Grass, Bertha Downer, Florence Cates, Alfreda Raven, Louise Emerson, Beatrice Bowman.

3rd. row, left to right, Mr. Higgins, Roberta Hussey, Delta Fowler, Mary Lou Heald, Gladys Brown, Carolyn Cates.

## SOFTBALL

As soon as school began this year, we girls started practicing softball.

The teams we played were Brooks and Unity. In the two games with Brooks we lost one.

We won the trophy for the season of 1951; and are hoping for an even

more successful season this year.

We wish to thank Mr. Higgins, for the fine job he has done in coaching us throughout the season.

The following girls went out for softball:



June Larrabee	Catcher
Janette Cole	Pitcher
Audrey Grass	1st Base
Bertha Downer	Right Short Stop
Bette Bowman	2nd Base
Maxine Downer	Left Short Stop
Grace Black	3rd Base
Florence Cates	Right Field
Beatrice Bowman	Left Field
June Bowman	Left Field
Alfreda Raven	Center Field

## Substitutes:

Louise Emerson, Mary Lou Fowler, Carolyn Cates, Edith  
 Heald, Roberta Hussey, Delta Condon, Mae Peppard.

## BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM



1st. row, left to right, Mr. Cosgrove, Clayton Giggey, Allen Knights, Donald Marcia, Robert Hotham, Donald Maxim, Richard Yeaton.  
 2nd. row, left to right, Earl Gardiner, Ernest Austin, Robert Gray, Kenneth Hall, James Fernald, Bernard Wentworth.



### BOYS' BASKETBALL

The "Basketeers" of Freedom Academy had one of the best seasons ever this past year. The team of F. A. can boast of a fine record of 23 wins with but three losses.

In League competition, the boys had a record of 16 wins—no losses, to win the Waldo County League Championship. Along with other scheduled games, we ended with a 20 win and no loss record, one of the best in Maine.

The Indians went into the Waldo Tourney and defeated Winterport in the first game; but in the second game, we lost to Besse by a mere two points (44-42). The consolation game was won by F. A. from Brooks on the final night.

In the K. V. C. Tourney the Academy boys defeated Richmond in the first game; but were defeated the following night by Oakland.

Next came the Eastern Maine Tournament where teams selected

by the point rating of the M. P. A. play.

Freedom was selected to play in Class M and was rated seventh. Our first game was with Pemetic High, the number 2 team in the tourney. That game was won by the tall boys from Pemetic.

James Fernald represented F. A. at the District Foul Shooting Contest held at Colby College.

D. Marcia was elected Captain for next year. It will be his second season in that spot.

The team loses this year by graduation A. Knights, E. Gardiner, E. Austin, and J. Fernald. With many regulars coming back next fall, we hope to have a successful season, especially with the able coaching of Mr. "DADDY" Cosgrove.

Allen Knights and Earl Gardiner were selected to represent Freedom at the All-Star game at Brooks.

### REGULAR SCHEDULED GAMES

F. A. *38	Erskine	31
F. A. 43	**Winterport	35
F. A. 46	**Unity	43
F. A. *73	**Stockton	9
F. A. *39	**Brooks	29
F. A. *77	**Monroe	16
F. A. *46	**Besse	29
F. A. 51	**Searsport	29
F. A. 64	Waldoboro	51
F. A. 49	**Liberty	23
F. A. *53	**Winterport	17
F. A. *40	**Unity	34



F. A. 54	**Stockton	20
F. A. 61	**Brooks	34
F. A. 77	**Monroe	15
F. A. 61	**Besse	52
F. A. *50	**Searsport	31
F. A. *48	Waldoboro	30
F. A. 51	Erskine	41
F. A. *63	**Liberty	34
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*Home Games		
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## J. V'S.

F. A. *42	Waldoboro	23
F. A. *43	**Waldoboro	25

## TOURNAMENT SCORES

## Waldo County

F. A. 60	Winterport	30
F. A. 42	Besse	44
F. A. 53	Brooks	42

## K. V. C. Tourney

F. A. 56	Richmond	46
F. A. 47	Oakland	64

## Eastern Maine Tourney

F. A. 43	Pemetic	77
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Now let's have a look at the individual scoring.

Names		R. Hotham	157
D. Marcia	311	P. McFarland	127
A. Knights	279	R. Gray	41
D. Maxim	163	K. Hall	38
C. Giggey	161	E. Austin	36

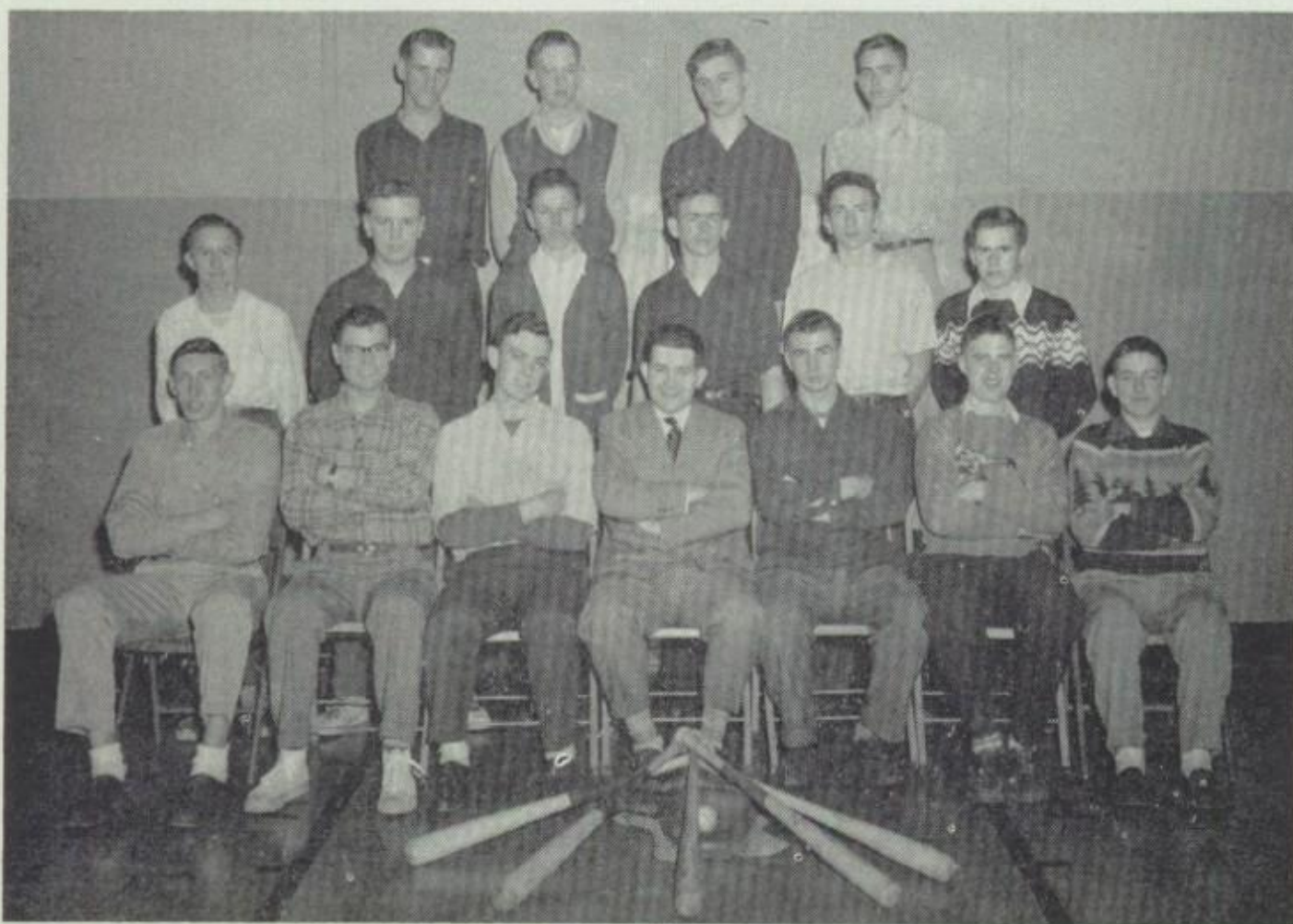


J. Fernald	36
B. Wentworth	19
E. Gardiner	13
J. Elliott	2
H. Larrabee	2
J. V'S.	
B. Wentworth	23
K. Hall	20
R. Yeaton	12

J. Fernald	8
E. Austin	7
M. Raven	7
H. Larrabee	3
E. Gardiner	2
R. Drew	2
J. Elliott	1

Darrold Mitchell '53

### BASEBALL



1st. row, left to right, Ernest Austin, Richard Shibles, Donald Marcia, Mr. Cosgrove, Allen Knights, Robert Gray, Donald Maxim.  
 2nd. row, left to right, Richard Yeaton, Richard Chase, James Fernald, Hurley Larrabee, Robert Goodale, Bernard Wentworth.  
 3rd. row, left to right, Kenton Mitchell, Robert Hotham, Roger Drew, Clayton Giggey.



### ACADEMY BASEBALL

The baseball team of Freedom Academy enjoyed a fairly good season last fall by winning five games while losing two.

The games were

F. A. 19	Brooks 5
F. A. 20	Brooks 6
F. A. 4	Erskine 5
F. A. 5	Erskine 2
F. A. 13	Besse 2
F. A. 14	Besse 5
F. A. 4	Unity 5

This spring when we will again participate in the Waldo County League, we ought to have a very

successful season with ten lettermen returning and six very fine-looking newcomers.

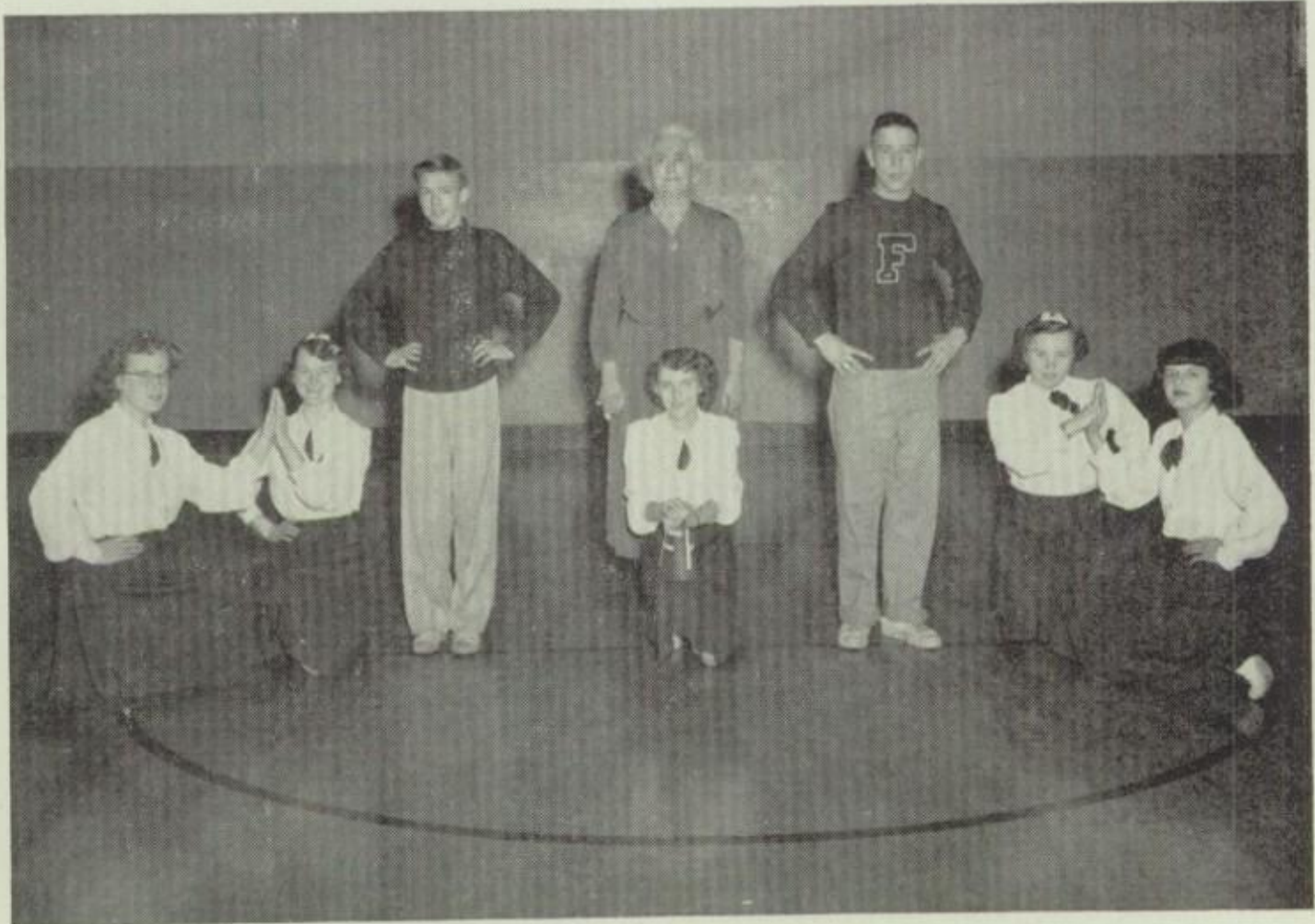
The lettermen are: B. Wentworth, D. Maxim, E. Austin, A. Knights, E. Gardiner, R. Shibles, D. Marcia, R. Gray, R. Yeaton, C. Giggey.

The newcomers will be: R. Hotham, R. Goodale, R. Drew, R. Chase, H. Larrabee, K. Mitchell.

Our coach, Mr. Cosgrove, also a newcomer, will be the sparkplug of the team in running our boys to victory.

Darrold Mitchell '53

### CHEER LEADERS



Sitting, left to right, Grace Black, Lucille Shaw, Mura Shibles, Mary Alice Ingraham, Roberta Hussey.

Standing, left to right, Roger Reynolds, Mrs. Johnson, James Elliott.



### CHEER LEADERS

Late last fall when the hustle and bustle of basketball started, a group of Academy girls also started hustling! I mean, girls for the cheerleading squad.

Six girls and two boys were selected from the large group trying out. These were. Florence Cates, Lucille Shaw, Eleanor Stanley, Roberta Hussey, Mary Ingraham, Grace Black, Roger Reynolds, and Jimmy Elliott, under the direction of Miss Bubier.

Later on in the season, Miss Bubier, Florence and Eleanor left us. Then Mura Shibles was chosen, and

Mrs. Johnson became our advisor.

New suits were secured this year.

With the addition of many new cheers, we have had a swell year cheering the teams on to victory. We were greatly honored as the boys went to the Eastern Maine Tournament.

Thanks, Mrs. Johnson, for the time and help you have given us. Also our extended thanks to the public for their backing.

See you all next fall!

Head-Cheerleader

Grace Black '53



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**SCHOOL CALENDAR****September**

- 5. School opened with 111 pupils enrolled.
- 21. Freshman Day, reception and dance.

**November**

- 13. Basketball — Erskine at Freedom.
- 16. Basketball — Round-Robin at Brooks.
- 20. Basketball — Freedom at Winterport.
- 27. Basketball — Freedom at Unity.
- 30. Basketball — Stockton at Freedom.

**December**

- 4. Basketball — Brooks at Freedom.
- 7. Basketball — Monroe at Freedom.
- 11. Basketball — Albion at Freedom.
- 14. Basketball — Freedom at Searsport.
- 21 to January 2. Christmas Vacation.

**January**

- 1. Basketball — Freedom at Liberty.
- 4. Basketball — Winterport at Freedom.
- 8. Basketball — Unity at Freedom.
- 11. Basketball — Freedom at Stockton.
- 15. Basketball — Freedom at Brooks.
- 18. Basketball — Freedom at Monroe.
- 22. Basketball — Freedom at Albion.
- 25. Basketball — Searsport at Freedom.
- 29. Basketball — Waldoboro at Freedom.
- 31. Basketball — Freedom at Erskine.

**February**

- 1. Basketball — Liberty at Freedom.
- 8 to 25. Vacation.
- 7-8-9. Boys played in the Waldo County Basketball Tourna-



ment at Brooks and Belfast.

- 14-15. Boys played in the Kennebec Valley Tournament in Waterville and Winslow.
- 21. Boys in the State Tournament in Bangor.
- 26. Jackson & White Studio came here to take pictures for the Echo.

#### March

- 7. Basketball — All-star game for both teams at Brooks.
- 10. Basketball Banquet for both teams.

#### April

- 10. Senior Play.

#### May

- 9. Junior Prize Speaking Contest held at F. A. Gym.
- 9. Junior Prom.

#### June

- 1. Baccalaureate.
- 5. Graduation.

June Bowman '53



## STUDENT COUNCIL



1st. row, left to right, Clayton Giggey, Beatrice Bowman, Earl Gardiner, Maxine Downer, Milford Downer.  
2nd. row, left to right, Corrin Clark, Mr. Higgins, Roger Drew.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

Officers for 1951-52 are:

President: Earl Gardiner  
Secretary: Nancy McKenney  
Treasurer: Maxine Downer

This year the members of the Student Council have had to make many decisions that we hope have been of benefit to the students at

Freedom Academy.

So far this year, the Student Council has bought a new record player with many new records, a movie projector, athletic equipment, and a loud speaker.

Maxine Downer '53



## FUTURE FARMERS



1st. row, left to right, Milford Downer, Donald Marcia, Walter Condon, Robert Gray, Mr. Littlefield, Kenton Mitchell, Allen Knights, Stephen Fowler, Victor Myrick.

2nd. row, left to right, Albert Parady, Herbert Bryant, William Black, Alfred Bridges, Paul Myrick, Gerald Elkins, Paul Myrick, Claude Thomas, Harold Emerson, Richard Yeaton, Roger Reynolds.

3rd. row, left to right, Clair McDonald, Richard Chase, Merle Raven, Edward Howe, Robert Briggs, Robert Hotham, James Fernald, Clive McDonald.

## FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

This year the Freedom Chapter of Future Farmers of America consisted of thirty members.

The chapter officers are as follows: President Robert Gray, Vice-President Kenton Mitchell, Treasurer Stephen Fowler, Secretary Allen Knights, Reporter Donald Marcia, Sentinel Walter Condon, Conductor Milford Downer, and advisor George W. Littlefield.

October 23, 1951, the Freedom Chapter initiated the Erskine Academy green hands into the Chapter Farmers' Degree.

November 5, 1951, the Freedom Chapter raised seven green hands to Chapter Farmers' Degree, at the same meeting eleven non-members were raised to the green hand degree.

Refreshments were served by the



refreshment committee at both initiation ceremonies.

A group of F. F. A. boys attended the State Convention at the U. of M. in June 1951.

A group of eleven F. F. A. boys attended a district meeting, March

8, 1952 at Guilford. The Freedom F. F. A. boys played one basketball game in the afternoon tournament, with Corinna and won. The score was 36-1.

Stephen Fowler '53

### SENIOR PLAY



1st. row, left to right, Bette Bowman, Richard Shibbles, Mrs. Johnson, Beatrice Bowman, Philip Steele.

2nd. row, left to right, Bertha Downer, Earl Gardiner, Pearl Gardiner.

### SENIOR PLAY

The Senior Play "Aaron Slick From Punkin Crick," a three act comedy, was presented on April 10. This was directed by Mrs. Johnson. We wish to thank Mrs. Johnson for

all the time and patience she has spent with us to help to make our play a successful one.

Those taking part in the case were as follows:



Aaron Slick .....not as green as he looks ..Dick Shibles  
 Little Sis Riggs .....a regular tomboy .....Bea Bowman  
 Mrs. Rosy Berry .....an Oklahoma widow ....Bette Bowman  
 Mr. Wilbur Merridew .....a crooked speculator ....Phil Steele  
 Gladys May Merridew .....a sweet young thing .....Bertha Downer  
 Clarence Green .....a mysterious young man .Earl Gardiner  
 The Girl in Red .....a young singer .....Pearl Gardiner

Alfreda Raven '52

### THE ARROW

The school paper, "The Arrow" was very successful this year. Under the capable guidance of Miss Bubier for the first semester and Mrs. Johnson for the second semester, we produced numerous copies of excellent material submitted by the students of the school.

That nosey old Man-About-Town was back again in the personages of Janette Cole and the smiling Bernie Wentworth.

The Joke Editors, Bernie Wentworth and Eleanor Stanley, kept the

kids in stitches, while the Art Editors drew up magnificent covers and attractive decorations.

I wish to express my thanks to my very capable Assistant, Darrold Mitchell, and to Business Manager, Philip Steele. I also wish to thank the other members of the staff for their helpful assistance and cooperation. Also many thanks to Mrs. Johnson for her splendid guidance.

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Dick Shibles '52

### MAGAZINE CAMPAIGN

Early this fall we were pleased to have Mr. Sprague from Curtis Circulating Co. back again to start the yearly magazine campaign. The classes all competed against one another, on the amount per pupil basis.

A representative from each class was chosen Team Captain. For the Freshmen—Roger Drew; Sophomore—Audrey Grass; Junior—Marlene Hall; Senior—Bertha Downer. General Managers were Earl Gardiner and Janet Cole.

The quota for the Campaign was \$900.—. We sold a total of \$895.90. Of this, \$622.57 went to Curtis and for prizes. That left \$273.33 for the school. Out of this fund we purchased a movie projector.

The three highest salesmen were Beatrice Bowman, 1st with \$71 Mary Ingraham 2nd, \$54 Virginia Austin 3rd with \$46.25. We wish to thank all who participated and hope for a successful year next year.

Earl Gardiner '52



## THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

As school was cancelled the day we were supposed to have the Christmas Party, it was not held until January 2.

The gifts were exchanged in the home rooms in the morning. In the afternoon a program was put on by the students.

The following program was held:

1. Reading of the Story of the Nativity from the Bible by Richard Shibles.
2. Song — O Come All Ye Faithful — Girls Chorus.
3. Tableau of the Nativity Scene — Junior Class.
4. Carol — Joy to the World — Bette, Beatrice and June Bowman.
5. A play — The Ruggles Family Goes to Dinner — the Senior Class.
6. A tableau and the songs — The Sleigh Ride — and Jingle Bells — The Sophomore Class.
7. Song — Silver Bells — Carolyn and Florence Cates and Patricia Myrick with the Chorus.
8. The Girls' Chorus sang Silent Night, White Christmas, and Walking in a Winter Wonderland.

Girls in this Chorus were Sylvia Ashe, Lorene Clark, Edith Condon, Donna Daggett, Delta Fowler, Mary Lou Heald, Mildred Parady, Mae Peppard, Mura Shibles, Charlene Smith, Betty Lou

Thompson and Mary Turner.

Charlene Bryant '54

## FRESHMAN RECEPTION

Three weeks after school started on Sept. 21, the Freshmen Reception was held at Freedom Academy. There were 36 Freshmen attending.

The boys had to wear girls' shorts, blouses, woolen mittens and slippers. The girls had to wear men's overalls, shirts with a necktie back side to, woolen socks, rubbers, and mittens. Both boys and girls had lip stick on their faces and tea bags dangling from their ears as ear rings.

At noon hour we marched down to the Canning factory and back to the Grammar School.

Everytime we heard "air raid", we had to fall on our stomachs.

In the evening every Freshman had to do a stunt prepared by the Sophomores. The stunt that pleased everyone was the beauty contest with Harland Mosher, Robert Hotham, and Galen Cook competing as bathing beauties. A dance was held afterwards and everyone had a lot of fun.

Roger Drew '55

## BASKETBALL BANQUET

A basketball banquet was given to the basketball teams this year, at Freedom Grange Hall, March 10, 1952. It was sponsored by Mrs. Mollie Knight and others that had an interest in the basketball teams. Also present were the cheerleaders, faculty, and trustees, the guest speaker and his wife, Mr. and Mrs.



Halloway, and the toastmaster, Phil Williams.

After a very delicious turkey supper the speakers for the evening were: Toastmaster, Phil Williams; Coach, Charlie Cosgrove; Principal, Earl Higgins; President of the Trustees, Archie Knight; Captains, Alfreda Raven, Bertha Downer, and Donald Marcia; Captain-elect June Bowman, and our guest speaker, Mr. Halloway.

Later letters were given to the two teams, cheerleaders, and managers.

The evening was brought to an end with the captains presenting a Schooner Clock to Coach, Charlie Cosgrove, for the wonderful job he has done in coaching the past year. We all had a wonderful time and we want to thank everyone who had a part in making it complete.

We hope, next year there will be another trophy on the banquet table.

Pearl Gardiner '52

### **JUNIOR PRIZE SPEAKING**

The Annual Junior Prom and Prize Speaking were held on May 9, at 8 o'clock.

The participants were: Marlene Hall, Nancy Abbott, Grace Black, Maxine Downer, Louise Emerson, June Larrabee, Lucille Shaw, Mildred Parady, Darrold Mitchell, Kenneth Hall, Mary Ingraham, and Janette Cole.

The winner of this will be a candidate to compete in the County Contest which will be held in Albion.

The Cookson's Orchestra of Troy provided the music for the dance.

Janette Cole '53

### **ACADEMY DAY**

The annual Academy Day was held on May 25th, 1951. Approximately seventy, seventh and eighth graders attended from surrounding schools including Freedom, South Freedom, Montville, Knox, Thornlike, Troy, and Detroit.

Activities started early in the afternoon with the Freshman girls playing softball with the visitors. The Freshman boys also entertained their visitors by playing baseball. Other activities included a baseball game in which the Freedom Varsity defeated Hampden High School. Later refreshments were served and dance music was provided for those who wished to dance.

In the evening a movie was shown starring Bud Abbott and Lou Costello. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Audrey Grass '54

### **CAMERA CLUB**

The Freedom Academy students with the help of Mr. Higgins have recently started a Camera club, in which great interest is being shown by a good-sized group of students. Mr. Higgins has bought some new equipment in which to develop films. This club should prove interesting and profitable.

I think that it will be fun as well as a hobby for those interested in the project. There are about thirty interested now and we hope that the interest will grow as we develop and circulate the different pictures.

Donald Maxim '53



# HONOR ROLL

## HALF YEAR

### FRESHMAN

#### GENERAL HONORS

Everett Sanborn  
 Carolyn Cates  
 Mae Peppard  
 Roberta Hussey  
 Delta Fowler  
 Harold Emerson

#### HIGHEST HONORS

Corrin Clark  
 Carleine Shibles  
 Roger Drew

### SOPHOMORE

Virginia Austin  
 Milford Downer  
 Mary Lou Heald

Charlene Bryant  
 Audrey Grass  
 Charlene Smith

### JUNIOR

June Larrabee  
 June Bowman  
 Bernard Wentworth  
 Maxine Downer  
 Louise Emerson  
 Lucille Shaw  
 Mildred Parady  
 Paul McFarland  
 Darrold Mitchell  
 Kenneth Hall  
 Robert Gray

Janette Cole  
 Marlene Hall  
 Nancy Abbott

### SENIOR

Earl Gardiner  
 James Fernald  
 Pearl Gardiner

Richard Shibles  
 Bertha Downer  
 Bette Bowman

Lucille Shaw '53



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NAME	NICK-NAME	IDENTIFI-CATION	BY WORD	DISPOSITION	AMBITION	PASTIME	FITTING SONG	CAUSE OF DEATH
Ernest Austin	Ernie	Pontiac	Yeah!	So-So	Farmer	Riding in his car	Merry Oldsmobile	Roger Reynolds
Beatrice Bowman	Bea	Navy	Oh, Golly	Gay	Telephone Operator	Writing letters	Slipping around	Dan
Elizabeth Bowman	Bette	Earl	Oh, Mother	Friendly	Housewife	Filling her hope	Wedding Bells	Marriage
Walter Condon	Walt	His Quietness	Yuh	Quiet	Farmer	Playing Pool	Slowpoke	Girls
Bertha Downer	Bert	Ford	Oh, you stinker	Tempermental	Beautician	Dates	Hot Rod Race	Snowdrifts
James Fernald	Jimmie	Curly Hair	How about that	Tempermental	Engineer	Looking and wishing	Don't Get Around Much Anymore	Dottie Baker
Earl Gardiner	Chummie	Bette	You aint just a-kidding	Changeable	Agricultural Field	Arguing	Waltz of the Bride	Staying out late
Pearl Gardiner	Pearlie	Paul	Oh, my gosh	Loveable	Get Married	Reading letters	Five Foot Two	Parking
Allen Knights	Knights	G. M. C.	Hiya, Babe!	Sunny	Farmer	Bothering People	Three O'clock in the Morning	Car accidents
Alfreda Raven	Freda	Red Hair	Phooey-Louie	Changeable	Housewife	Skipping School	School Days	Staying home
Richard Shibles	Dick	Laugh	Well, La-de-da!	Cheerful	Chemist	Thorndike	Take Me Out to the Ball Game	Grammar School Basketball Team
Philip Steele	Pip	Glasses	Well!!	Explosive	To be behind a desk	Taking girls for a ride	Feudin' and a Fightin'	Senior Play



## JOKES

How to make a speech — Make it like a woman's skirt—short enough to be interesting and long enough to cover the subject.

Mr. Higgins: "What did you learn in school today?"

Michael — "I learned to say, Yes,

Michael: "I learned to say, Yes sir."

Mr. Higgins: "You did?"

Michael: "Yep!"

Janette: "Hurray! Mr. Lupolt said we'd have a test today, rain or shine."

June L.: "What's so good about that?"

Janette: "It's snowing."

Paul Mc.: "Doctor, you were right when you said you would have me walking in less than a month."

Doctor: "Good! Good!"

Paul Mc.: "Yes, I had to sell my automobile to pay your bills."

Cop: "What do you mean doing 50 miles an hour?"

Donnie: My breaks aren't very good, and I was hustling home before I had an accident."

A sergeant lined twenty men up for detail. They weren't as energetic as he thought they should be, so he tried using psychology.

"I've got a very easy job for the laziest man here," he bellowed.

"Will the laziest raise his hand?"

Nineteen hands shot up.

"Why don't you raise your hand?" he asked the twentieth.

"Too much trouble," drawled the G. I.

Bobby G.: Can you tell me why Mr. Higgins' head is like heaven?

Bernard: I certainly can see no resemblance!

Bobby G.: Well, it's a bright and shining spot, and there's no parting there!

No one has ever discovered where pins go. The trouble seems to be that they're headed in one direction and pointed in the other.

Bette: The engagement ring you gave me always reminds me of a state capital.

Earl: Really? Which one?

Bette: Little Rock.

The 64 dollar question—Does Mr. Cosgrove have false teeth? ?

Kenton M.: "How do you like your new sister, Nelson?"

Nelson S.: "Aw, she's the favorite around here! When I bite a finger nail I get sent to bed without supper; but when she puts her whole foot in her mouth they think it's cute."

Mr. Cosgrove: "Why did they call the "Middle Ages" the "Dark Ages?"

Dennis Myrick: "Because the women kept their ages dark,—No, because there were so many knights."

Mr. Higgins: "I wonder how it is a girl can't catch a ball like a man?"

Bertha Downer: "Oh, a man is so much bigger and easier to catch."



Pearl Gardiner: "He said I was his pearl."

Earl Gardiner: "I guess he wanted to string you."

#### Reversed

"How long have they been married?"

"About five years."

"Did she make him a good wife?"

"No, but she made him an awful good husband!"

#### A Call Down

The tenant: "Say, last night the rain came through the roof and gave me a regular shower bath! You ought to do something."

The Landlord: "What do you expect me to do? Give you soap and towels?"

#### Gentlemen Only

"Will the gentlemen please move up front a little?" Called out the polite conductor.

"I won't," growled Mr. Steele, who sat stubbornly in his seat.

"Oh, I didn't ask you!" replied the conductor.

Mrs. Johnson: "Use the word 'triangle' in a sentence.

Don Marcia: "If fish won't bite on grasshoppers triangle worms."

Mr. Cosgrove: "Now, can anyone tell me what the Indians called the head man in their tribe?"

Three hands went up, and the reply was "Chief."

Mr. Cosgrove: "Did they have any name for his wife?"

One hand was raised in the front

of the room and a voice said; "Mischief!"

June B.: "Have you heard about the man who sat up all night trying to figure out where the sun went when it set?"

Grace: "No, what happened?"

June B.: "It finally dawned on him."

Arriving home from his first day in the Freshman class, Bobby Hotham's mother asked him how he liked it.

"Oh, it's all right," Bobby replied. "Do the teachers like you?" his mother asked.

"Oh, yes!" replied Bobby, "my math teacher put (xxxx) kisses all over my paper."

Joe: "I never bother thinking up a story for my mother."

Bill: "Why?"

Joe: "Cause if she's asleep I won't need it and if she's waiting up I won't get a chance to tell it."

Mrs. Johnson: "What's the difference between cat and a comma?"

Bernie: "A cat has claws at the end of its paws, but a comma's a pause at the end of a clause."

A woman and a car are much alike. A good grease and paint job conceals the years, but the lines tell the story!

The sign appeared in Robert's Lunch, Liberty, after the proprietor had suffered from souvenir hunters.

Sign: "The silver is not a medicine. Do not take it after your meal."

Maxine Downer '53



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## CLASS OF 1948

NAME	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS
Richard Bailey	Working	Knox, Maine
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Loretta Holmes Grass	Housewife	Knox, Maine

## CLASS OF 1949

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Robert Couturier	College	U. of M., Orono, Maine
Richard Ingraham	Working	Knox, Maine



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Robert Bagley	Working	Fairfield, Maine
Paul Bradstreet	Working	Freedom, Maine
Norma Bridges	College	Farmington, Maine
Lucille Bucklin	Working	New Jersey
Raymond Cates	Working	Connecticut
Harvey Clark	Working	Unity, Maine
Donna Crabbe Bagley	Housewife	Fairfield, Maine
Kermit Danforth	Working	Troy, Maine
Floyd Fowler	Army	Kentucky
Margaret Giggey	Working	Belfast, Maine
Harold Greely	Working	Freedom, Maine
William Hodgden	Working	Montville, Maine
Charlene Hustus	Bible School	Rhode Island
Richard Mitchell	Working	Troy, Maine
Carl Moody	Air Force	Texas
Alice Nickless Brown	Housewife	Knox, Maine
Royce Penny	Working	Knox, Maine
Anne Pushor	Working	Unity, Maine
Edith Raven	At Home	Thorndike, Maine
Janet Sanborn	Air Force	Texas
Virginia Spaulding	At Home	Freedom, Maine
Allen Yeaton	Navy	Maryland

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Clayton Giggey '53  
 Paul McFarland '53



# EXCHANGES

The pupils of Freedom Academy enjoy exchanging yearbooks with the nearby Secondary Schools in our county. We will be looking forward this year to reading the yearbooks from the following towns.

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Stockton Springs

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Mary Lou Heald '54



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